

REMARKS

An Office Action was mailed on July 22, 2003, and declared final. Claims 5-12, 15-18 and 20 are pending, of which claims 5, 7, 9, and 11 are independent claims.

By the foregoing, claims 5 are amended.

Claims 9 and 10 are objected to for informalities. Appropriate correction has been made.

The Examiner is kindly requested to withdraw the objection.

All pending claims stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,959,717 to Chaum (Chaum) in view of EP 0 596 823 to Gibson (Gibson).

The present invention discloses communications systems and methods suitable for the transmission of moving images.

Applicant has amended all claims to more clearly distinguish the present invention from Chaum and Gibson. As now claimed in claim 9, a data communications system that transmits a moving image includes a data transmitter and a data receiver. The data transmitter includes a source for supplying the image data of a first moving image and a second source for supplying digital data of any kind.

An image data encoding means that encodes the digital data as the color of all or part of the first moving image based on the digital data that is input to the image data of the first moving image and generates a second image data which is received by the data receiver.

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The data receiver includes a display means that displays the third moving image based on the second image data and a digital decoding means that decodes the change in color of part or all of the second moving image and, further, generates the digital data.

As now distinctly claimed, the data receiver includes a light sensing means having a display that displays a third moving image, which is generated based on the digital data that has been decoded.

Claims 5, 7, and 11 have been amended to include similar limitations.

Neither Chaum, Gibson, nor a combination of the two disclosures, teach or suggest such limitations. Chaum discloses a screen 14 upon which a video projector 12 provides image content to a synchronously projecting film projector 12. Synchronization may be accomplished by processing a feedback signal provided by a camera device 46. Therein, Gibson is cited for disclosing associating a data set resident on a computer 50 with a notification displayed on a device 54 notifying the user of the resident set.

However, neither Gibson nor Chaum alone, or in combination, teach the limitation that a third moving image is displayed on a display of the light sensing means where the third moving image is generated based on the digital data that has been decoded.

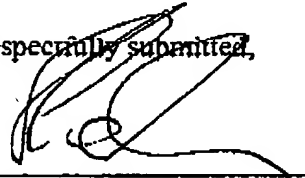
All dependent claims are allowable for at least the same reason as the independent claims from which they depend.

Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are patentable over the references of record and earnestly solicits allowance of the same.

If for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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Respectfully submitted,



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